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Applicants: Coppens et al. )  
Title: Process for the Preparation )  
of Malted Cereals )  
Art Unit: 1761 )  
Examiner: Cano, Milton I. )  
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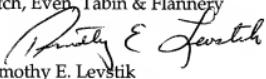
**CORRESPONDENCE RE: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants remind the printer that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on July 23, 1997 with the initial filing of the above-identified application. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment included an amendment to the specification to make a specific reference to the claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. Applicants note that the reference to the claim of priority was not included in the first sentence of the specification in the published application. Applicants earnestly request that the claim of priority be included in the first sentence of the issued patent.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of filing fees in the  
above-identified application, please enter the following  
Amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following as the first line of  
text:

This application is a continuation-in-part of  
International application PCT/BE96/00077 filed July 23, 1996  
and designating the United States.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 16, delete "to 15" and insert therefor --or  
14--.

Claim 25, delete "22,".

Claim 32, after 27, delete "to" and substitute  
therefor --, 28, 29, 30 or--.

Claim 34, after 31, delete "or Claim 32".

Claim 35, after 27, delete "to 35" and substitute  
therefor --, 28, 29, 30, 31 or 33--.